

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2979 - SB 3218

February 21, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes it an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977* to offer a check containing an obligation to advertise with a person upon the endorsement of the check. A violation is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, through the levying of civil penalties and through private rights of action.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

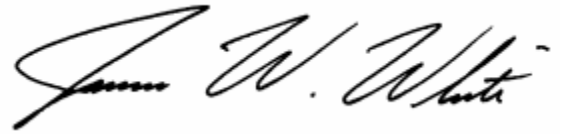
Assumptions:

- A not significant increase in state revenues from the collection of civil penalties.
- A not significant increase in state expenditures to handle complaints generated under the provisions of this bill.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, through private rights of action, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director